

The inaugural address delivered by Governor Craig upon taking the oath of office in Raleigh's magnificent auditorium on Wednesday of last week is universally pronounced one of the most learned and appropriate State papers produced by any of his distinguished predecessors. It is conceded by all that the "little giant of the mountains" did himself, his party and the State great credit in the preparation and presentation of his initial utterance as Governor of the commonwealth. The address, from beginning to end, indicated a close study of important question and a determination to render a service commensurate with the exigency of prevailing conditions which have brought about a situation in many lines of endeavor that demands most careful consideration.

It may appropriately be said of Governor Craig's inaugural address as had been said of Aycock's in 1911, that it was the utterance of a strong partisan who knows that he who best serves his State best serves his party. It was the address of a man who is both partisan and statesman. Governor Craig spoke out in no uncertain terms and no honest man of any party can fail to admit that it was the utterance of a man who is fighting sincerely to purify the political atmosphere and inaugurate needed reforms in the State. Governor Craig put himself squarely on the side of the people, while declaring that every legitimate enterprise should be protected. He has directed attention to a number of serious questions that are now confronting the people and urges the Legislature to take immediate action to right existing evils.

It is unnecessary to enumerate. The address speaks for itself and will, we repeat, rank among the ablest papers in the history of North Carolina. It marks the new Governor as an able, courageous man of convictions and one who possesses the determination to carry them into effect. He will shrink no duty and the General Assembly will find in him an advisor and co-worker ready and willing to answer at all times when duty calls.

Senator F. M. Simmons has been duly elected to succeed himself and will enter upon his third term on March 4. In a joint caucus of Senators and Representatives last Friday night the North Carolina General Assembly voted unanimously for the reelection of the Senator; the Democrats of each house, separately cast a solid vote for him on Tuesday of this week and the joint session the day following administered the finishing touches in a performance which has been holding the boards for more than four years. The people breathed a sigh of relief on the 6th of November; they are now happy in the assurance that the Senator has again been commissioned to continue as their representative in the World's greatest legislative body.

Kansas joined the ranks of other erstwhile republican States that elected democratic governors last November. And the new executive of that State makes recommendations in line with the progressive sentiment of the country. Inheritance taxation, eight hour work day for women, State aid for irrigation, mothers' pensions, workmen's compensation and other propositions of more radical significance. He wants the initial referendum and recall, and urges the Kansas legislature to consider these matters without delay.

The General Assembly has endorsed Editor Josephus Daniels for postmaster general in President Wilson's cabinet. Looks like North Carolina is solid for Mr. Daniels and his numerous friends confidentially expect to see him a member of the Wilson official family when the list has been completed. This paper was the first to name him for the portfolio of postmaster general and is therefore in hearty accord with the resolution recently adopted, unanimously, by the General Assembly.

AS TO FALSE PUBLICATIONS, ETC.

In his message to the Legislature on Thursday of last week Governor used this language referring to primaries:

"To the two preceding Legislatures I recommended legalized primaries. I recommended the passage of an act establishing a complete primary system for the nomination of all candidates for all offices, including United States Senators. You should also pass a corrupt practices act of a stringent and comprehensible character, including publicity of contributions and expenses before and after election, prohibiting the use of money or other things of value to influence votes, to secure editorial support, or to in any way mislead the people. The publication of any false charge against any applicant for office concerning his political conduct, or reflecting upon his character for the purpose of injuring him in the primaries or in the election should be made criminal."

We have long been an advocate of the primary system and approve the result of the last one conducted in North Carolina. But a few more like it would rend the Democratic party asunder and it will be better, perhaps, to let well enough alone. Speaking for itself, this paper prefers the old way of selecting candidates to the "knock-down and drag-out" methods employed in those states having legalized primaries. Conditions in North Carolina are entirely different from those existing in Georgia, South Carolina and other Southern States, where no minority party bobs up smiling and takes a hand in the game.

But if the legalized primary must come, Governor Kitchen's recommendation for the enactment of the corrupt practices act should also, be put into effect. And to the suggestion of false publications relating to candidates should be added a clause for the protection of editors against slanderous references to them by candidates for public office. Let the rule work both ways.

THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

In the main, Governor Kitchen's message to the Legislature sounds good. That it is along progressive lines must be perfectly apparent to every one who reads it through. Briefly related the Governor recommends a State-wide primary, the Torrens land title system, insurance regulation, a State-wide search and seizure law to enforce prohibition, a continued liberal policy for education, that all light and power plants should be regulated by the Corporation Commission, that mileage books be pulled on the train, four new judicial districts, factory inspection, that all corporations be required to obtain license before doing business in this State, the need of good roads and drainage, a vigorous warfare against freight discrimination, the enlargement of the Public Health department and an increased appropriation for a Library Commission and new assistants to the State Librarian, the physical valuation of railroad property by experts under the Corporation Commission, a change in the number of peremptory challenges, the importance of increasing the fish and oyster industry, a special committee to draft a rural credit law, township fire warden, and makes other needed reforms.

The Governor strongly advocates the enactment of laws providing for legislative reform, prison reform, including a pardon board and makes recommendations relating to the State's prison building in Raleigh as a probable home for a hospital for the insane. A number of these recommendations appeared in Governor Kitchen's message to the General Assembly of 1911 and the word "again" is frequently used in the document he recently promulgated. The message is brief but carries many excellent suggestions. These the General Assembly should consider upon their merits and enact laws in accordance with their own good judgment.

The Progressive Farmer Comes out boldly for a six months rural school term, declaring that the country boys and girls of North Carolina should have a decent chance in life. It discloses information showing that, despite all the progress the State has made, the poor children of the Old North State have a poorer chance for an education than the country children of any other State in the American Union with the single exception of New Mexico. This condition is quite sufficient to cause the people at home and their representatives in the General Assembly to sit up and take notice. A remedy should be applied and that right early.

MANY ENTERPRISING CONCERNS.

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In Henderson county for a long time and today are supplying orders all over the county and there are very few buildings being erected in which there is not some of their goods in the same.

Joseph McCrary, Contractor.
With thirty years of contracting experience in Hendersonville Joe McCrary is still among the foremost ranks of his profession in the city. Mr. McCrary has been instrumental in the erection of many of the town's best

buildings. He had charge of the building of the First Presbyterian church in this city which is a monument to his credit. Besides being a superintendent of rare ability Mr. McCrary commands the best confidence of his fellow workmen. He has built hundreds of residences and summer homes in this city and surrounding country and today has several contracts under way besides superintending the new Patton Memorial hospital for which the ground was broken last week.

J. R. Willson.

A business built upon a well systematized method is bound to win. Like all other businesses the lumber business has reached a stage in this section where the closest attention is paid by the management to its system. J. R. Willson, lumber and builders supplies, is perhaps one of the best arranged lumber concerns in this section of the state. Mr. Willson came to this city a number of years ago and began a small lumber business. Today, he has one of the largest lumber concerns in the county and is enjoying a flourishing trade. His motto, "Quality Wins" has won for him fame in the building circles. His best advertisement, "a satisfied customer," has been impressed upon the minds of the people in this section.

Mr. Willson clearly states that his business has been built up and is maintained on the basis of fair and square dealing in business giving good value for the money we receive, courteous treatment of our patrons, prompt attention to the wants of our customers and quick delivery of all orders left with us.

Rigby-Morrow Company.

The lumber business in Henderson county has grown at a very rapid rate within the past few years. The concerns first starting business here have more than doubled their capacity now and are growing every day. The well known firm of Rigby-Morrow Company is no exception to this rule. This firm is now located on one of the principal business streets and owns its own brick building and a large yard and number of sheds in connection.

Besides doing a tremendous retail business in and near the city the firm is enjoying a wholesale business in many of the neighboring towns. Shipments have been made by the car load to these points. Owing to the railroad facilities here Hendersonville is becoming a center for large shipments in Western North Carolina.

Rigby-Morrow Company ranks among the first of the larger lumber concerns in the city.

Star Dray Company.

Among the advertisers in this issue is the Star Dray Company which has been conducting a contracting, building and draying business for the past twelve years or more. Mr. S. Y. Bryson, proprietor is a contractor of wide experience having followed this business practically all his life.

The Star Dray Company has been doing more excavation work in and near the city than all the other concerns of the city combined. With a large feed and sale stable in the city near the county jail in which is kept many head of horses this concern is ready to fill prompt work. Besides doing contracting this company sells coal and wood and is the local agent for the Standard Oil company. During the past year the Star Dray company has erected a number of summer homes including a very handsome residence at Highland Lake club and others.

Clarke Hardware Company.

You may look the state over, but you will not find a more handsome hardware store in it, than the Clarke Hardware company of this city. This concern owned by R. C. Clarke of this city is perhaps one of the best equipped hardware stores in this section of the country.

If its anything in their line they have it in stock and in this manner it has been a great aid to the builders of summer residences and cottages in and near Hendersonville.

They are agents for the famous Lucas paints and many other special lines which have been applied to the new buildings here. This concern takes a delight in helping you figure out the cost of building a home and will give you all the favors consistent with good business judgment.

F. S. Thomas Furniture Factory.

Many a tremendous furniture factory has started out on a much smaller scale than the one owned in this city by F. S. Thomas which is destined to become one of the leading industries of this section. Mr. Thomas, himself, is a skilled workman, and with his assistants the grade of work turned out from his establishment receives a ready market.

A number of the leading summer homes and residences of the city are furnished with some of his high grade furniture. Mission furniture is among the most popular grade made by Mr. Thomas and some of the pieces are made of the finest of interior woodwork can be furnished by this concern. One of the last jobs of particular interest is the interior of the new home of Rev. R. N. Wilcox of this city.

Mr. Thomas uses electric power in running his modern machines and his output is increasing daily.

J. W. McIntyre, Plumber.

Of course when you build a summer home is necessary to have good plumbing in it and you begin at once inquiring who is the best plumber. Invariably you will hear the name of J. W. McIntyre mentioned Mr. McIntyre is modest in pushing his business but has won prominence in the business circles by his strictly business methods and good work.

Mr. McIntyre has been doing an extensive business in recent years with steam and hot water heating contracting. He has installed the heating plants in the Hunter-Morey buildings and graded school, Rev. R. N. Wilcox residence, and the DeShields House on Main street.

HENDERSONVILLE LUMBER COMPANY.

Bennett Bros. Props.

Dealer in rough lumber. Native and Southern Finished Lumber.

Regular stock of moulding and finished work done with machinery in the yard.

Only Lumber Company in the city with Dressing machinery to fill special orders for dressing and ripping.

Why it is cheaper and Better to buy Lumber from Us.

Our yards are on the railroad near the depot. We do not have unnecessary draying.

We are the oldest lumber concern in the city. Eighteen years of established trade in Hendersonville.

We have a fully equipped mill with all modern machinery to fill special or regular orders for dressed lumber.

Let us quote you prices if you contemplate building this spring.

HENDERSONVILLE LUMBER COMPANY.

To the Home Builder

We wish to call attention to our complete line of Hardware.

Lucas Paints Cabots Shingle Stains Muresco Wall Finish

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Clarke Hardware Co.